

*Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee Newsletter**The Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee, established by IDAPA 16.02.03.100**A statewide committee appointed by the Director of the Department of Health and Welfare "to provide counsel to the Department in administering the EMS act"*

Computer adaptive testing (CAT) prompts Bureau changes to exam process

In anticipation of computer adaptive testing (CAT) becoming a requirement in January of 2007, the EMS Bureau has developed some changes to the examination process to help transition to the new system. The changes will include mobile computer testing for areas outside of the radius of the approved National Registry/Pearson Vue testing site and pre-scheduled practical examinations.

Nick Nudell, Regional Operations Manager, will attend a meeting with National Registry/Pearson Vue in August to gather technical specifics for the acquisition of the hardware to make mobile testing possible. Once hardware is available, the EMS Bureau will train staff for the technological interface with Pearson Vue and administration

of the CAT. The Bureau expects to begin offering the mobile CAT in conjunction with the January start up of CAT statewide.

The second part is pre-scheduling of practical examinations. Although the written examination will move to CAT, the EMS Bureau remains responsible for verification of the practical to National Registry. This separation of the written and practical presents some logistical issues for all involved. It will be necessary for training programs and course coordinators to have sufficient time to plan for practical exams. To enable this planning the EMS Bureau has moved to pre-scheduled examinations statewide.

An "Idaho EMS Bureau Exam Standards Manual" is under development and will be distrib-

uted when we identify issues with the new process and make the corrections necessary to accommodate examination candidates. Some of the known parameters are listed below.

- Exam details are subject to change without notice, including dates, locations, and testing levels. Please check with your Regional Office for the most current information.
- Any exam with fewer than 20 applications by the application deadline date may be cancelled.
- The exam candidate shall submit all required exam documentation (First Responder or EMT-

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Meeting Dates

- September 28, 2006
Ameritel Boise Spectrum
7409 Overland Rd, Boise
- February 24, 2007
TBD

Call your regional EMS office for more information

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Rising meeting costs create need for EMSAC to meet 3 rather than 4 times a year

Subcommittee changes reduce EMSAC meetings to 1 day

With the advent of the EMS Physicians Commission, the EMASC Medical Direction Subcommittee has been retired. In addition, the Disciplinary Subcommittee will be meeting via teleconference on an as needed basis in the future. Without these two subcommittees on the agenda, EMSAC meetings will typically be scheduled for just one day.

Rising costs of transportation, lodging and business room space resulted in an evaluation of the current EMSAC meeting schedule and the consideration to begin meeting three times a year instead of four. Any additional meetings deemed necessary by the chair or State Health Officer could still occur.

A motion was made and passed to begin meeting in 2007 in the

months of February, June and October. The meeting will be held on the fourth Thursday of the month. The final EMSAC meeting in 2006 will be September 28th.

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CAT Testing

Basic) to their Regional Office by 5p.m. on the application deadline. Late applications will not be accepted.

- (Intermediate-85, Intermediate-99, and Paramedic candidates) and testing fees to the National Registry are due not less than twenty-one (21) days before the scheduled exam.

- All exam applications must have original signatures; copies or faxes of applications are not accepted for exams.
- All exam fees must be by money order, cashiers check, or agency check. Personal checks are not accepted.

An examination schedule is included for your reference. Should you have questions about the specific location,

deadlines, or other examination related questions please contact the Regional Consultant listed under the "Exam Rep" column.

We believe the changes will benefit the EMS agencies and providers over the long term and expect to have the customary "glitches" associated with any new process. Please contact your Regional Consultant for clarification or any of your concerns.



IDAHO EMS BUREAU FY07 BASIC EXAM SCHEDULE

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/1/06

REVIEW DATE 11/1/06

Date	Location	Application Deadline	Exam Type	Test Format	Exam Rep	Site Coordinator
8/05/06	ISU 777 Memorial Dr. Roy F. Christiansons Complex, Building #48, Room #101 Pocatello, ID 83209	7/31/06	FR/Basic	Paper	Andy Edgar (208) 736-2162	Margaret Phelps (208) 282-3372
8/19/06	CPR Connections 391 N. Ancestor Pl. Ste 100 Boise, ID 83704	7/28/06	FR/Basic	Paper	Todd McDowell (208)334-4633	CPR Connections (208) 321-4744
9/23/06	ISU/BSU 12301 W Explorer Dr Ste 102 Boise, ID 83713	9/1/06	All Levels	Paper	Todd McDowell (208)334-4633	Jeff Bates (208) 373-1787
10/21/06	CPR Connections 391 N. Ancestor Pl. Ste 100 Boise, ID 83704	9/29/06	FR/Basic	Paper	Todd McDowell (208)334-4633	CPR Connections (208) 321-4744
10/28/06	CDA	10/6/06	FR/Basic	Paper	Jim Kozak (208) 769-1585	Location Pending
12/09/06	Donnelly Fire Department 244 W. Roseberry Donnelly, ID 83615	11/17/06	FR/Basic	Computer Based Test	Todd McDowell (208)334-4633	Barb Pyle (208) 325-8619
12/9/06	LEW	11/17/06	Fr/Basic	Computer Based Test	Dean Neufeld (208)799-4390	Location Pending

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Date	Location	Application Deadline	Exam Type	Test Format	Exam Rep	Site Coordinator
12/16/06	BYU-Idaho 525 South Center St. Rexburg, ID 83460	11/22/06/3/06	All Levels	Computer Based Test	Todd McDowell (208)334-4633	John Lewis (208)496-1333
1/13/07	CDA	12/29/06	FR/Basic	Computer Based Test	Jim Kozak (208) 769-1585	Location Pending
1/27/07	ISU/BSU 12301 W Explorer Dr Ste 102 Boise, ID 83713	1/05/07	All Levels	Computer Based Test	Todd McDowell (208)334-4633	Jeff Bates (208) 373-1787
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2/03/07	Stevens-Henagar 730 Americana Blvd Boise, ID 83702	1/12/07	FR/Basic	Computer Based Test	Todd McDowell (208)334-4633	Kate Baldwin (208) 250-9236 (208) 345-0700
2/24/07	LEW	2/2/07	FR/Basic	Computer Based Test	Dean Neufeld (208) 799-4390	Location Pending
3/10/07	Vallivue High School 1407 Homedale Road Caldwell, ID 83607	2/16/07	FR/Basic	Computer Based Test	Todd McDowell (208)334-4633	Kate Baldwin (208) 250-9236 (208) 345-0700
3/31/07	ISU 777 Memorial Dr. Roy F. Christiansons Complex, Building #48, Room #101 Pocatello, ID 83209	3/9/07	FR/Basic	Computer Based Test	Todd McDowell (208)334-4633	Margaret Phelps (208) 282-3372
4/14/07	College of Southern Idaho 315 Falls Ave. Twin Falls, ID 83303	3/23/07	All Levels	Computer Based Test	Andy Edgar (208)736-2162	Gordy Kokx (208) 732-6710
4/21/07	LEW	3/30/07	FR/Basic	Computer Based Test	Dean Neufeld (208) 799-4390	Location Pending
4/28/07	BYU-Idaho 525 S. Center St. Rexburg, ID 83460	4/6/07	All Levels	Computer Based Test	IDF (208) 525-7047	John Lewis (208) 496-1333

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5/05/07	ISU 777 Memorial Dr. Roy F. Christiansons Complex, Building #48, Room #101 Pocatello, ID 83209	4/13/07	FR/Basic	Computer Based Test	Todd McDowell (208)334-4633	Margaret Phelps (208) 282-3372
5/12/07	Donnelly Fire Department 244 W. Roseberry Donnelly, ID 83615	4/20/07	FR/Basic	Computer Based Test	Todd McDowell (208)334-4633	Barb Pyle (208) 325-8619
5/19/07	CDA	4/27/07	FR/Basic	Computer Based Test	Jim Kozak (208) 769-1585	Location Pending
6/02/07	College of Southern Idaho 315 Falls Ave. Twin Falls, ID 83303	5/11/07	All Levels	Computer Based Test	Andy Edgar (208) 736-2162	Gordy Kokx (208) 732-6710
6/16/07	BYU-Idaho 525 South Center St. Rexburg, ID 83460	5/25/07	All Levels	Computer Based Test	Andy Edgar (208) 736-2162	John Lewis (208)496-1333
7/21/07	LEW	6/29/07	FR/Basic	Computer Based Test	Dean Neufeld (208) 799-4390	Location Pending
7/28/07	Stevens-Henagar 730 Americana Bldv Boise, ID 83702	7/6/07	FR/Basic	Computer Based Test	Todd McDowell (208)334-4633	Kate Baldwin (208) 250-9236 (208) 345-0700



Valerie



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New Staff at EMS Bureau

Valerie Fend-Boehm—Regional AA in Region 3/4

Todd McDowell—Regional Operations Consultant in Region 3/4

Changes in EMSAC Membership

New Consumer Representative: Diane Barker

New Vacancies: EMS Instructor

Fire department based non-transport

The State Board of Medicine will no longer be represented because of the Physicians Commission

Air Medical Subcommittee

The Bureau asked members who are interested in participating on the Air Medical rules task force to contact the Bureau. This group will be proposing air medical specific licensure criteria for rule promulgation.



Disciplinary Subcommittee

The membership reviewed the draft version of the new Administrative Investigation Standards Manual and process flow chart.

Motion was made and approved in support of convening of the Disciplinary Subcommittee as needed via teleconference or in person, but not necessarily in conjunction with regularly scheduled EMSAC meetings.

EMSC Subcommittee

Membership was expanded to align with the HRSA grant requirements, to include a representative for school nurses, emergency nurses, traffic/safety office and data analyst. Idaho EMS agency minimum equipment list revision will include the addition of specific pediatric supplies as recommended by America College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP).

Licensure Subcommittee

Wildland Fire Control & Rescue Services—Nampa

Motion was made to approve initial license request at the ALS 5 level when contracted for service at a wildland fire or other unplanned major incident.

American Medical Response—Spokane

Motion made to approve initial license request at the ALS 4 level for interfacility transfers in the northern Idaho counties.

Wildland Fire Control & Rescue Services and AMR in Spokane get license approval

EMS Bureau seeks state bid for vehicles for dedicated grant awards

The Grants subcommittee recommended the EMS Bureau secure a state bid for vehicles by FY08-09 as a test program to allow better use of the Dedicated Grant funds.

Report of the FY06 Training Grant program showed that \$62,188.60 was awarded to agencies for train-

ing but \$22,423.40 was unused. This remainder was used for special projects: A First Responder course in Silver City, partial funding of a Sim-Baby at College of Southern Idaho, and a continuing education program at College of Southern, Idaho.

The subcommittee recommended the awards for FY07 be the same as the

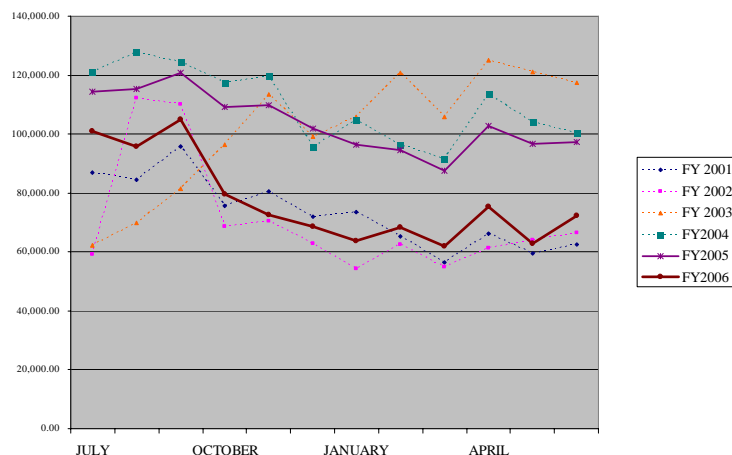
FY06 program, funding of first priority training requests at 70% and no equipment awards, as the available funds are the same, \$63,000. Agencies receiving awards will be sent the contract along with a letter of intent to hold the specified course. The contract and the letter of intent are to be returned to the Bureau within 60 days of mailing to prevent unused funds such as occurred in the FY06 program. It was also recommended that agencies coordinate training for better utilization of the funds. The Bureau Regional Consultants will identify agencies needing courses which could be combined with nearby agencies.

Available funds for FY07 Dedicated Grants are \$857,000. This is approximately \$448,000 less than FY06, as had been anticipated due to decreased driver's licenses fee income.

Four agency applications were declared ineligible due to inaccurate or incomplete information. Requested items were reviewed for eligibility and recommendations were made. The subcommittee is rating the individual request prior to the final scoring.

A motion was made that the Bureau start dialogue between stake holders involved in extrication and regulation as a part of the EMS licensure overhaul which is in process.

Dedicated Grant Funds By Month



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